

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. The Office Action allowed Claims 1-10 and Claims 15-21.

With the entry of this Response, Applicants canceled Claims 11-14 without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a separate application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-10 and Claims 15-21.

Applicants have canceled all claims not previously found to be allowable. Applicants submit that cancellation of Claims 11-14:

- (i) does not raise any new issues that would require any further consideration or searching;
- (ii) does not raise the issue of new matter;
- (iii) does not present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and
- (iv) does place the application in condition for allowance of all remaining claims.

Applicants further submit that the cancellation of Claims 11-14 renders all pending rejections moot. As such, Applicants look forward to receiving a Notice of Allowability with respect to Claims 1-10 and Claims 15-21.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this Response is timely filed. With this Response to the Final Office Action, Applicants also enclose (1) a Request for Continued Examination, and (2) the fee corresponding to the Request for Continued Examination. The total payment amount enclosed is \$405.00, which represents the small entity fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants believe that this is the correct amount due; however, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No. 14-0629 any additional fees that may be required, or to deposit into the same account any overpayment of fees.

Respectfully submitted,
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